

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 8-10, cancel claim 1, and amend claims 2 and 4-7 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A pistol with a magazine for rounds according to claim ~~1~~8, wherein the ~~sliding block~~magazine latch is held in its ~~middle~~said neutral position by two counter-acting bar springs which are approximately vertically mounted in the interior of the pistol grip.

3. (Previously Presented) A pistol with a magazine for rounds according to claim 2, further including stop faces provided in the interior of the pistol grip which delimit the path of the bar springs.

4. (Currently Amended) A pistol with a magazine for rounds according to claim ~~1~~8, wherein one of the two grooves widens downwardly so that, at its lower end, it extends into the path of movement of the lug during insertion of the magazine, wherein the lug temporarily ~~moves~~transversely displaces the ~~sliding block~~magazine latch out of its ~~middle~~said neutral position, against the force of ~~at least one spring~~the biasing device.

5. (Currently Amended) A pistol with a magazine for rounds according to claim ~~18~~, wherein the lug of the magazine ~~of rounds~~ is attached by notching and bending out.

6. (Currently Amended) A pistol with a magazine for rounds according to claim ~~18~~, wherein the lug is ~~injection-molded to~~ integrally formed with the magazine.

7. (Currently Amended) A pistol with a magazine for rounds according to claim ~~18~~, wherein the lug on the front wall of the magazine of rounds is resiliently elastic and, by its movable lower end, is seated on the ~~sliding block~~ magazine latch.

8. (New) A pistol including a hollow grip, in combination with a magazine for rounds, comprising:

the hollow grip defining a longitudinal axis and being arranged to accommodate the magazine when inserted along said axis and having a front part which has a slide-type magazine latch for displacement transversely to the axis;

the magazine having a front wall including a projecting lug cooperating with the magazine latch by engaging said magazine latch when said magazine is accommodated in said grip;

wherein the magazine latch has two projecting ends, a respective grip portion on each of its ends, and a respective groove, extending generally parallel to said axis defined by said grip on each side of said lug along said axis so that the lug is movable through the one or the other of the two grooves dependent on the transverse displacement of the magazine latch; and

a biasing device mounted in the hollow grip and engaging the magazine latch to hold it in a neutral middle position from which it may be displaced transversely, against the force of the biasing device, in the one or the other direction, dependent on which grip portion of the magazine latch is pressed.

9. (New) A pistol with a hollow grip in combination with a magazine for rounds, comprising:

a hollow grip defining a longitudinal axis, being arranged to accommodate a magazine when inserted along said axis, and including a front part that has a slide-type magazine latch being displaceable transversely to said axis in either the right or the left direction;

the magazine comprising a front wall and a lug projecting from said front wall, and wherein the magazine cooperates with the magazine latch by engaging the magazine latch when the magazine is accommodated in said grip;

the magazine latch comprising two projecting ends, a respective grip portion on each of its ends, and a respective groove extending parallel to said axis defined by the grip on each side of the lug so that the lug is movable through either the one or the other of the two grooves dependent on the direction of the transverse displacement of the magazine latch; and

a biasing device mounted in the hollow grip and engaging the magazine latch to hold it in a neutral position from which it may be displaced transversely, against the force of the biasing device, in a selected transverse direction;

wherein the direction of transverse displacement of said magazine latch is dependent on which gripping portion of the magazine latch is pressed.

10. (New) A pistol comprising:

a hollow grip defining a longitudinal axis and including a front part and a magazine latch mounted in said front part;

a magazine having a front wall and a lug projecting from said front wall, and said magazine being insertable into said grip along said axis to an accommodating position;

said magazine latch having a left projecting end, a right projecting end, a left grip portion, a right grip portion, a left groove, and a right groove, said grip portions being associated with said projecting ends respectively, and when said magazine is in said accommodating position, said magazine latch engages said magazine and said lug engages said magazine latch between said left groove and said right groove; and

a biasing device mounted in said grip and holds said magazine latch in a neutral position from which said magazine latch is transversely displaceable in a selected one of either the left or the right transverse directions against the force of said biasing device;

wherein said selected transverse direction is selectable based on pressure being applied to either said left or said right grip portion of the magazine latch, and said lug is movable through either one or the other of said grooves dependent on the selected direction of the transverse displacement of the magazine latch.